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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

Mr. Dulles spoke with Senator Hayden re the possibility of getting together for the purpose of discussing various matters, particularly the question of the money for the NIS. The Director told the Senator that he understood this could be taken care of without taking it up in full committee.

Senator Hayden said he had discussed with Senator Saltonstall how worry about Dworshak's demanding to know how much for our budget was in the bill and where it was, as he has an idea the Agency is spending too much money. Senator Hayden said if you can give me a memo, I can say to him I have these figures for him. He then asked the DCI if it was safe to tell Senator Dworshak where the money is included.

The Director answered that Reps. Cannon and Taber have held the line in keeping the information within their subcommittee of five. He told Senator Hayden that once it is known outside that small circle, it might become public knowledge and he was very worried about that. He also said that if Senator Dworshak has the information the other members of the Appropriations Committee would have an equal right to know. Senator Hayden came back with the question of whether there was any way that Senator Dworshak could be given an approximate figure; and then said that he could tell Dworshak that he was telling this to him and nobody else because we don't want the Russians to know it.

Then Senator Hayden said that he thought most of what Senator Dworshak was complaining about is what the Agency is spending here in the United States. The Director said he could tell all that to him (Senator Hayden) but that he thought it would be a mistake to disclose the total amount of money spent to Senator Dworshak.

He (the Director) reiterated that they have gone over this point again and again in the House and have been able to hold the line. He said he felt this was the proper position and that he was willing to tell the subcommittee everything but he thought it ought to stay there because if you tell it to one other member, then every member would want to know it and then the barrier is broken down.

The Senator said he was a very busy man and the Director said he understood this. He asked again if the Director would not think it was all right if he gave Senator Dworshak an approximate figure with the understanding that it would not go any further than this. The Director then raised the query of whether Senator Styles Bridges could be of any influence in dissuading Senator Dworshak from seeking this information. Senator Hayden said it might work out that way. The Director repeated that Senator Hayden, Senator Bridges, Senator Saltonstall and Senator Chavez are entitled to know. Senator Hayden said they had never given Senator Chavez any figures and that he had not asked for any. He said he would just let the matter drift along a bit and the first chance he had he would take it up with Senator Bridges. Here the conversation ended.

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